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SUBJECT: NEW MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO LPF
CHAIRMAN SOUPHANOUVONG

1. OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT
SOUVANNA SENT NEW MESSAGE TO SOUPHANOUVONG JANUARY 3,
IN RESPONSE TO LATTER REPL* DECEMBER 21. LAO

PRESSE CARRIE* FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF NEW MESSAGE:

2. BEGIN TEXT. I ACKNOWLEDGE REC IPT OF YOUR MESSAGE
OF DECEMBER 21 AND THANK
YOU FOR THE RENEWED ASSURANCES
THAT YOU GAVE IN REGARD TO THE GOOD WILL OF THE LPF
CONCERNING THE CURRENT PEACE TALKS.

IT WAS NEVER A QUESTION IN MY MIND OF LINKING
PROBLEMS OF SECURITY AND OF INFORMATION OF THE NEW
GOVERNMENT TO THE PRESENCE OF DIPLOMATIS, THE ICC AND
INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS IN VIENTIANE. I MEANT THAT
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THE CURRENT SITUATION BOTH INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL

IS NO LONGER THE SAME AS TEN YEARS AGO. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, YOUR HYPOTHESES IN REGARD TO SABOTAGE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLY IMPLAUSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE NICE IF THERE WERE LESS PRIORITY GIVEN CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY WHICH BELONGS IN THE ARSENAL OF PROPAGANDA, AND WHICH IS UNDERCUTTING OUR LABORIOUS TALKS, CREATING A CLIMATE WHICH IS UNHEALTHY AND UNFAVORABLE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

IN REGARD TO THE MATERIAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH YOU RAISE IN YOUR MESSAGE, THE LPF IS NOT ALONE IN FACING THEM. IF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO ADMIT THIS, RATHER THAN APPROACH PROBLEMS WITH SUSPICION AND EXAGGERATED DEMANDS, THESE DIFFICULTIES COULD CERTAINLY BE LARGELY SURMOUNTED. IT IS ALL TOO EASY TO INDEFINITELY LENGTHEN THE LIST OF COMMODITIES, REQUESTS AND

DETAILS AND THEN, IN FACE OF THE REAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF SATISFYING THEM, ACCUSE THE OTHER SIDE OF BAD FAITH. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS OCCURRING NOW.

THE REQUEST FOR A LIST OF LPF CANDIDATES IN THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A STEP FORWARD AND NOT AS PART OF THE LEGAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS. I BEG YOU TO GIVE INSTRUCTION

TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM AS WELL AS THAT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.

OBVIOUSLY, IF YOU PERSIST IN DEMANDING IDEAL AND PERFECT SECURITY IN WHICH THERE IS NO ROOM FOR THE LEAST DOUBT, THE SOLUTION OF OUR NATIONAL PROBLEMS WILL BE DEFERRED FOR MANY MORE YEARS. FOR SOME TIME, THE CONJUNCTURE HAS BEEN FAVORABLE, ALMOST MORE THAN COULD HAVE BEEN HOPED FOR. THE OCCASION SHOULD BE USED TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM BENEFITS TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN LAOS.

I THUS INSIST THAT YOU SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL POLITICAL
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COUNCIL AS PRESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENTS. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END TEXT.
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